

FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT NETWORK (APPN)

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE, NOVEMBER 11 TO 14, 2025

Theme: Transforming Public Procurement in Africa through Innovation, Inclusion, Sustainability, and Regional Collaboration

Day 1: Opening & High-Level Discussions

Time	Session	Resource Persons
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	Host Country
09:00 – 09:05	National Anthem(s)	Host Country
09:05 – 09:20	Welcome Remarks	APPN president
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote Speech: Innovations for Transforming Public Procurement	Moderator: Ms. Elmas Arisoy, Accredited Procurement Manager, the World Bank Keynote speaker: Professor Geo Quinot, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 12:30	The Digital Frontier of Public Procurement in Africa: Application of e-procurement Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning	Moderator: Mr. Amilcar Bilale, Chief Regional Procurement Coordinator, AfDB Speakers (10 to 15 minutes each): - Mr. Chanmo Choi, Deputy Director, Public Procurement Service, South Korea - Mr. Richard MIGAMBI, CEO of Evolve Ltd Panelists¹: - Ms. Priya Balgobin, Mauritius, Public Procurement Policy Office - Dr. Rajesh Kumar Shakya, Senior Procurement Specialist, WB - Dr. Fredrick Mandizvidza, DBA, Founder and CEO of 5G Technologies (Pvt) Ltd, Zimbabwe

¹ All panelists will be sent a template to briefly state what topic they would like to say about their topic.



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		Ms. Kenza Khachani, Policy Analyst, OECD
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Reinforcing Governance Through Public Procurement: A Social Contract Approach	Moderator: Ms. Nazaneen Ali, Accredited Procurement Manager, the World Bank Speaker: Mr. Vinay Sharma, Senior Policy Adviser, India Panelists: - Mr. Phineas M. Nsundano, Namibia - Mr. Osvaldo Tome Des Santos Ngoloimwe, Director of National Procurement Angola - Professor Geo Quinot
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	All
15:30 – 16:45	Strategic Use of Public Procurement for regional integration and for expanding Regional Trade and Value Chains under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)	Moderator: Ms. Ndeye Fatou Diongue, IsDB Speaker: Mr. Legborsi NWIABU Trade Lawyer/Project Coordinator AfCFTA, Accra Panelists: - Mr. Mohammed Ait Hassou, Morocco - Mr. Tumelo Ntlaba, Chief Director, Supply Chain Management, South Africa - Mr. Vinay Sharma, Senior Policy Adviser - Mr. Edwin Muhumuza, Director OCP
16:45 – 18:00	Sustainability Priorities in Public Procurement	Moderator: Mr. Aftar Toure MOROU, Technical Secretary APPN Speaker: Dr. Olena Maslyukivska, University of Vaasa, Finland Panelists:



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		• Mr. Frank Mante, Public Procurement Authority, Ghana • Mr. Rodney Ndamba, Chief Executive, Institute for Sustainability Africa (INSAF), Zimbabwe • Mr. Cyr Symphonien Moukaga, Permanent Secretary, Gabon
18:30 – TBA	Welcome Dinner	All